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1. WP'S BURGESS FROM BANGKOK QUOTES AMEMBASSY SPOKESMAN AND UNOFFICIAL SOURCES THAT THEFTS OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF AMMO EN ROUTE TO PP APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE IN FEB, JUNE AND JULY. SPOKESMAN SAYS SOME LOSSES ON RECORDS MIGHT BE DUE TO FAULTY ACCOUNTING, BUT NEW SECURITY MEASURES NOW IN FORCE. THEFTS REPORTEDLY MADE FROM UNMANNED BARGES IN TOW FROM SATTAHIP TO PP, WITH AMMO UNCLASSIFIED

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BEING TRANSFERRED TO SMALL BOATS OR DUMPED OVERBOARD

FOR LATER RECOVERY; OFFICIALS OF THAI MARITIME NAVIGATION CO, THAT OPERATES BARGES, THINK AMMO DISAPPEARED FROM DOCKS AT PP OR VUNGTAU, SINCE BARGES ARE SANDBAGGED SO LOCATION OF SPECIFIC CONSIGNMENTS AT SEA DIFFICULT. JOINT US-THAI INVESTIGATION IN PROCESS, BUT NO ARRESTS MADE YET. CONFIRMATION OF THEFTS CAME AFTER THAI POLICE ACTED ON TIP, BOARDED ABANDONED TRAWLER AND RECOVERED 157,000 M-16 ROUNDS FROM BOAT AND SEA FLOOR BENEATH IT. POLICE BELIEVE AMMO DESTINED FOR INSURGENTS IN S. THAILAND; BLAME US NEGLIGENCE. BURGESS QUOTES OBSERVERS THAT KHMER ROUGE AND VC BOTH MAKE EXTENSIVE USE OF CAPTURED US WEAPONS, NOTES 14,000 TONS OF SUPPLIES GO TO CAMBODIA MONTHLY, MOST OF IT BY BARGE FROM SATTAHIP TO VUNGTAU AND THEN UP MEKONG TO PP.

LOCAL OFFICIALS SAY COMMUNIST TROOPS INFILTRATE VILLAGE 25 MILES SW OF PP, KILL TEN GKR SOLDIERS, EXECUTE 27 VILLAGERS, BURN DOWN 29 HOMES (CHITRIB; UPI, NYDN).

2. LAOTIAN GOVT SPOKESMAN SAYS POW EXCHANGE POSTPONED, NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPT 19. PL SPOKESMAN SAYS NO AGREEMENT YET ON WHEN EMMET KAY TO BE RELEASED (AP, NYT). MRS. KAY MEETS PRESS AT HONOLULU, DISPLAYS POW BRACELET WITH HUSBAND'S NAME, HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FLY TO LAOS WITH DAUGHTER FOR REUNION WHEN KAY RELEASED (GLOBE).

3. SAIGON COMMAND SAYS COMMUNIST FORCES ATTACK GVN MILITIA POST NEAR DANANG, BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE PROBE FORESHADOWS MAJOR ATTEMPT AGAINST CITY. GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLING WIDESPREAD, BUT NO HEAVY ACTION REPORTED IN REST OF SVN (REUTER, WP).

GVN ANNOUNCES OIL FOUND OFF COAST BY SHELL SUBSIDIARY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CITIES SERVICE. ONLY SMALL QUANTITY BROUGHT UP FOR ANALYSIS SO FAR (REUTER SAIGON).

4. SWEDEN ANNOUNCES 170 MILLION DOL AID PACKAGE FOR NVN TO REBUILD FOREST AND PAPER INDUSTRIES, ALSO PROMISES TO BUILD TWO HOSPITALS, TO GIVE 2 MILLION DOLS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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LAOTIAN RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND HELP NLF WITH FARM AND FORESTRY MACHINES (JOC).

CHINA

5. WSJ AND S-N (AUG 27) REPORT "DOS" SAYING HAK HOPES TO VISIT PRC LATE THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR.

USDA NOW SAYS TOTAL '74-'75 PRC WHEAT IMPORTS COULD TOTAL 8 MILLION TONS, 5 MILLION MORE THAN AGENCY HAD PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED (COMMODITY NEWS SERVICE, JOC).

ACCORDING SECRETARY-GENERAL OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR NOV, PRC WILL PARTICIPATE, AND HE HAS BEEN INVITED BY PRC TO PEKING OCT 8 FOR TALKS ABOUT CONFERENCE (JOC).

6. GROC SOURCES INDICATE FRENCH FILM, "LES CHINOIS A PARIS," WILL BE BANNED IN TAIWAN BECAUSE NUMBER OF SCENES IN IT WOULD HAVE 'UNDESIRABLE INFLUENCE ON PUBLIC SENTIMENT AND MORALE.' FILM HAS ALSO SPARKED PROTEST FROM PEKING AND VIOLENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING

MAOISTS IN PARIS, MUNICH AND W. BERLIN (AFP, WP).

KOREA

7. DURING THREE-DAY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTERROGATION OF MINISTERS ABOUT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, SK LEGISLATORS WEDNESDAY URGED THAT ROKG BREAK RELATIONS WITH JAPAN IF IT REFUSES COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATION. MEANWHILE, SEVERAL HUNDRED WOMEN CLASHED WITH RIOT POLICE AS THEY TRIED TO MARCH ON JAPANESE EMBASSY IN MOST VIOLENT INCIDENT IN TEN DAYS OF ANTI-JAPANESE PROTEST (REUTER SEOUL). AFP SEOUL NOTES THAT FM KIM DONG JO, SPEAKING IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TUESDAY, REFUSED TO RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF TOUGH SANCTIONS AGAINST GOJ, INCLUDING BREAKING DIPLOMATIC TIES, UNLESS GOJ CHANGES ATTITUDE AND FULLY INVESTIGATES INCIDENT (PHINQ).

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ROKG LODGED STRONG PROTEST WITH NK WEDNESDAY OVER ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT (REUTER PANMUNJOM).

8. CHITRIB'S KIRK, IN SEOUL, SUGGESTS PARK MAY ULTIMATELY FIND HIS STRONGEST OPPOSITION EXISTS NOT AMONG STUDENTS OR INTELLECTUALS -- BUT IN ROK OFFICER CORPS. CHARGES PARK HAS DEVELOPED "STRONG PENCHANT FOR AUTHORITARIAN RULE BUTTRESSED BY SOME OF THE CRUELEST TACTICS OF INTIMIDATION AND TORTURE EVER COUNTENANCED" IN COUNTRY CALLING ITSELF DEMOCRACY, AND SAYS "WHY AND HOW" LIES PARTLY IN PARK'S OWN BACKGROUND AS GRAD. OF JAPANESE IMPERIAL MILITARY ACADEMY AND LIEUTENANT IN JAPANESE ARMY BEFORE END OF WWII, WHERE HE DEVELOPED REPUTATION FOR TOUGHNESS. KIRK REPORTS BELIEF OF SK SOURCES THAT JAPANESE-

TRAINED TORTURE EXPERTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF
DEVICES EMPLOYED IN KCIA OFFICES AND BY SK'S NSC.

JAPAN

9. PRC AND JAPAN COMPLETE TECHNICAL DETAILS CLEARING
WAY FOR DIRECT COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE TO BEGIN NEXT
MONTH, ACCORDING JAPAN TRANSPORT MINISTRY (UPI, WP).
SUN'S SEIDEN, IN TOKYO, REPORTS PEKING-TOKYO COMMERCIAL
FLIGHTS WILL BEGIN SEPT 29 -- SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF
SINO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.
JAL SPOKESMAN VOICES CONCERN, HOWEVER, THAT CHINA
TOURIST TRADE MAY BE TOO SLOW TO FILL 4 DC-8 JET
FLIGHTS FROM TOKYO EACH WEEK. SAYS GOOD BUSINESS
DEPENDS ON PEKING EASING VISA REGULATIONS.

10. US MILITARY TRIBUNAL OPENED WEDNESDAY IN IWAKUNI TO
TRY 5 MARINES FOR HAVING ALLEGEDLY DISTRIBUTED
HANDBILLS CONDEMNING ROKG. HANDBILLS QUOTED AS SAYING
THAT SO LONG AS US CONTINUES SUPPORTING PARK GOVT, US
MILITARY MEN WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPRESS S. KOREANS
SEEKING DEMOCRACY. IN APPEAL TO FULBRIGHT, ONE LEAFLET
CALLED ON CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE KOREAN MIL TRIBUNALS
(REUTER IWAKUNI).

11. SEVERAL COVER WH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PRES TO MEET WITH
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TANAKA SEPT 21 (WSJ). CSM'S LACHICA REPORTS NO MAJOR
PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED. TANAKA REPORTED EAGER TO
SIZE UP FORD'S THINKING ON JAPAN AND ASIA; ALSO
SEEKING PERSONAL RAPPORT. PM'S TRIP WILL ALSO INCLUDE
STOPS IN BRAZIL AND CANADA.

12. JOC'S CULLISON REPORTS SOHYO PLANS SERIES OF MASSIVE
STRIKES FROM SEPT-NOV FOR "LIVELIHOOD DEFENSE
ALLOWANCE" EQUAL TO TWO MONTHS PAY OR MORE, TO BE
ADDED TO YEAR-END BONUSES (8/27).

13. IN ANOTHER ARTICLE, CULLISON REPORTS JAPAN AND
CHINA EXPECTED TO SIGN TECHNICAL AIR AGREEMENT
BASED ON PACT AGREED ON IN APRIL. MEANWHILE, TEN-
MEMBER CHINESE SHIPPING MISSION EXPECTED IN TOKYO
FOR 3 WEEKS OF TALKS WITH JAPANESE SHIPOWNERS,
STUDY OF CONTAINER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, AND
DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED OIL SHIPMENTS
TO JAPAN (8/27).

14. FIN MIN ANNOUNCES JAPAN'S B/P DEFICIT NARROWED TO
210 MILLION DOLS IN JULY FROM 1.27 BILLION IN JUNE

(REUTER, NYT).

GULF OIL CO. TO INCREASE PRICE TO JAPAN OF KUWAITI CRUDE
(WSJ).

15. SOVIET DEF MIN NEWSPAPER RED STAR ATTACKS JAPANESE
ARMS INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT (AFP, WP).

16. WSJ'S JOSEFIK AND PEARLSTINE REPORT REFINED COPPER
FROM JAPAN EXPECTED TO FLOW TO US AND EUROPE COULD
NUDGE PRICES DOWNWARD.

AUSTRALIA

17. JOC'S STOVE REPORTS GOA OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS
HOPE VISIT OF SHAH OF IRAN WILL BRING FLOW OF INVESTMENT
FUNDS, JOINT VENTURES, AND AGREEMENT FOR AUSTRALIA

TO SUPPLY IRON ORE AND BAUXITE TO STEEL AND ALUMINUM
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MILLS TO BE BUILT IN IRAN UNDER AGREEMENT WITH FRENCH.
GOA ALSO HOPING TO NEGOTIATE LONG-TERM MEAT AGREEMENT
(8/27).

18. US BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS FIGURES SHOW AMERICAN
MAJORITY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES IN AUSTRALIA CUT BACK
EXPENDITURES IN 1973 ON PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT
14 PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, BUT EXPENDITURES
EXPECTED TO RISE THIS YEAR BY 26.1 PERCENT (JOC 8/27).

THAILAND

19. REUTER BANGKOK SAYS POLICE CHECKING REPORT THAT
FORMER BLACK PANTHER LEADER HUEY NEWTON, WHO JUMPED
BAIL LAST WEEK IN OAKLAND, IS IN BANGKOK. AMEMBASSY
SOURCES SAID THEY HAVE HEARD NOTHING OF NEWTON'S
WHEREABOUTS.

PHILIPPINES

20. GOP CLAIMS TO HAVE DISCOVERED ARMS SMUGGLING PLOT
LINKED TO CHINA. 11 PERSONS, DESCRIBED AS "RANKING
COMMUNIST" OFFICIALS AND 25 OTHERS ARRESTED. ONE OF
11 ARRESTED AT HOME OF US MISSIONARY PAUL WILSON,
WHO EARLIER AGREED TO VOLUNTARY DEPORTATION RATHER
THAN FACE MILITARY TRIBUNAL (AP, PHINQ). AMONG THOSE
ARRESTED WAS PROF. DANTE SI BULAN, COUNTRY'S LEADING
CHINA EXPERT (GLOBE).

21. JESUIT PRIEST ACCUSED OF REBELLION, ARRESTED IN HELICOPTER RAID AT SACRED HEART NOVITIATE, TURNED OVER TO CUSTODY OF RELIGIOUS SUPERIORS BY MARCOS (NYT). CHURCH LEADERS SAY MARCOS WANTS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH CHURCH (AP, PHINQ).

22. CONFLICTING REPORTS ON MOSLEM AMBUSH OF BUS IN ZAMBOANGA. AP REPORTS 48 CIVILIANS, 2 SOLDIERS KILLED (SUN). WP REPORTS 23 DEAD.

23. ACCORDING TO REUTER MANILA, RED CROSS SAYS MOST OF 1.4 MILLION EVACUATED IN FLOODS HAVE RETURNED HOME.
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24. LINDBERGH MOURNED IN MANILA AS MAN WHO HELPED PRESERVE RARE WILDLIFE AND UNSPOILED LIFESTYLE OF TRIBAL MINORITIES (UPI, CHITRIB).

PACIFIC ISLANDS

25. SIGNING OF AGREEMENT EXPECTED IN SEPT FOR PLEBISCITE BY MARIANAS PEOPLE ON QUESTION OF COMMONWEALTH STATUS WITHIN US. EVENTUAL UNION WITH GUAM EXPECTED.

AGREEMENT ALSO NEAR WITH MICRONESIANS, WHO PREFER SELF-GOVT UNDER FREE ASSOCIATION STATUS, TO ASSURE ECONOMIC SUPPORT AND TO GUARANTEE RIGHT EVENTUALLY TO CHOOSE FULL INDEPENDENCE OR ASSOCIATION WITH ANOTHER POWER SUCH AS JAPAN (AP, SUN).

26. NYT'S TRUMBULL COVERS 5-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON "THE ART OF OCEANIA" HELD BY ANTHROPOLOGISTS, ARCHEOLOGISTS AND OTHERS IN HAMILTON, ONTARIO. PARTICIPANTS HEARD THAT THEIR INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES IN ISLANDS OFTEN CAUSE RESENTMENT AMONG LOCAL PEOPLE; ALSO FOUND THAT MUSEUMS, AS REPOSITORIES OF CULTURAL HERITAGE, ARE FOCUS OF NATIONALISM IN EMERGING PACIFIC ISLAND STATES. TRUMBULL OBSERVES THAT THEME FOR MUCH DISCUSSION IN SYMPOSIUM WAS SET BY SHARPLY WORDED MESSAGE FROM PNG CHIEF MINISTER SOMARE, READ AT OPENING OF CONFERENCE. SOMARE CALLED FOR REPATRIATION OF CULTURAL MATERIAL NOW IN FOREIGN COLLECTIONS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

KOREA

27. FROM SEOUL, NYT'S HALLORAN OBSERVES POLITICAL UNREST PROMPTING DEBATE OVER WHETHER PRESENCE OF US FORCES

SERVES AMERICAN INTERESTS. US DIPLOMAT AND MIL OFFICERS, AND AMERICAN SUPPORTERS OF PARK TAKE AFFIRMATIVE POSITION, ASSERTING US FORCES DETER NK FROM INTERFERING AND DEMONSTRATE US INTENTION OF FULFILLING TREATY OBLIGATIONS TO SK. ROKG OFFICIALS ALSO SAY IF AMERICANS ARE WITH-
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DRAWN, NK MIGHT MISCALCULATE AND START WAR, THAT AMERICANS MAKE UP FOR SK DEFICIENCIES AND THUS MAINTAIN BALANCE OF POWER.

ON OTHER HAND, INCREASING NUMBER OF AMERICAN CRITICS OF PARK TAKE NEGATIVE VIEW, SAYING US COULD BECOME EMBROILED IN WAR NOT IN ITS INTEREST AND THAT US TROOPS IN SK SUPPORT POLITICALLY REPRESSIVE GOVT. N KOREANS ARE EQUALLY VIGOROUS IN DEMANDING REMOVAL OF ALL US TROOPS FROM SK, POINTING OUT THAT THEIR CHINESE ALLIES HAVE LONG SINCE DEPARTED AND CONTENDING AMERICANS IN KOREA ARE SOURCE OF TENSION AND POTENTIAL CONFLICT, AND OBSTACLE TO PEACE.

DESCRIBING MAJOR ELEMENTS OF US FORCES IN KOREA, HALLORAN SAYS US HAS TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS THERE, ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL POLICY, AS EVERYWHERE, IS NEITHER TO CONFIRM NOR DENY THAT. SAYS MIL OFFICERS HAVE TWO SECURITY CONCERNS ABOUT NUCLEARS - THAT THEY MIGHT BE OVERRUN AND CAPTURED BY NK, OR SEIZED AND USED AGGRESSIVELY BY SK.

REPORTS SK HAS ADVANTAGE OVER NK IN NUMBER OF TROOPS AND EXPERIENCE, AND MAKES OTHER COMPARISONS BETWEEN KOREAN MIL FORCES. HALLORAN QUOTES US OFFICERS THAT US FORCES COULD BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT UPSETTING MIL BALANCE IF FOUR CONDITIONS MET: WITHDRAWAL NOT HASTY AND CARRIED OUT AFTER FULL CONSULTATION WITH SEOUL AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH NK; IF SK FORCES MODERNIZATION PROGRAM WERE COMPLETED; SK SHOULD BE TRAINED TO TAKE OVER WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT OF UNITS SUCH AS AIR DEFENSE AND SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT; AND IF ROKG IMPROVED ITS COMMAND AND CONTROL CAPABILITIES.

28. S-N (AUG 27) THINKS PARK TOOK STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION BY LIFTING JAN 8 AND APRIL 3 DECREES, BUT THESE ARE EMPTY GESTURES UNLESS DECREE SETTING UP SECRET MIL COURTS THAT CONDUCTED OUTRAGEOUS SERIES OF TRIALS IS CANCELLED, AND PLIGHT OF THOSE SENTENCED FOR SPEAKING OUT OR WHOSE CASES AWAIT DISPOSITION ARE RELIEVED.

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S-N NOTES PARK'S SPOKESMAN EXPLAINING PARTIAL CONCESSION AS RESPONSE TO INCREASED UNITY OF S KOREANS AGAINST COMMUNIST THREATS, FOLLOWING KILLING OF PARK'S WIFE. CONCEDES THAT PARK DID GAIN POPULAR SYMPATHY BECAUSE OF WIFE'S DEATH, BUT THINKS THAT PARK'S LET-UP IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRITICS MAY BE DUE, ALSO, TO MOUNTING RESENTMENT AT HOME AND NEGATIVE REACTION ABROAD.

IN LETTER TO NYT EDITOR, U OF PA. PROF CHONG-SIK LEE EXPRESSES HOPE THAT SLAYING OF MRS. PARK WILL CAUSE ALL INVOLVED IN SK POLITICS TO REFLECT ON CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF HARSH DIVISION AND CONFRONTATION. MRS. PARK'S DEATH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN, SAYS LEE, IF TRAGEDY COULD OCCASION RECONCILIATION AND HARMONY BETWEEN ROKG AND PEOPLE. ADDS, SK NEEDS PEACE AND HARMONY WHICH CAN BE BROUGHT ABOUT ONLY THROUGH REASON AND COMMON SENSE RATHER THAN REPRESSION AND VIOLENCE.

PHILIPPINES

29. IN ARTICLE DATED IN MANILA, LAT'S MCARTHUR (AUG 24) SEES NO END IN SIGHT TO PHIL INSURGENCY. CITES AS "SOME DISTURBING ASPECTS" OF SITUATION, MARCOS SHOWING NO SIGN OF SHARING WHAT HE KNOWS WITH HIS OWN POPULATION; HE IS ENGAGED IN ALMOST CRASH PROGRAM TO VASTLY INCREASE ARMED FORCES; AND MANY INFORMED PEOPLE PRIVATELY ADMIT THAT MOSLEM REBELLION IS SPREADING AND THEY SEE "NO LIGHT AT THE END OF ANY TUNNEL."

MARCOS HAS REPORTEDLY ADMITTED THAT NO END TO FIGHTING IS IN VIEW. HE IS BEING PRESSED BY GOP MILITANTS TO UNLEASH REPRESSIVE BLOODLETTING, BUT SERIOUSLY QUESTIONS WHETHER THAT WOULD SUCCEED- ABHORRING THE PROSPECT, WHATEVER THE RESULT. MEANWHILE, HE IS EVIDENTLY CONCERNED MORE THAN EVER WITH KEEPING HARD NEWS OF FIGHTING FROM POPULACE. THERE ARE NO MIL COMMUNIQUE OF ANY SORT AND CONTROLLED NEWSPAPERS PRINT VIRTUALLY NOTHING ABOUT IT. BIG FORBIDDEN STATISTIC IS NUMBER OF GOVT TROOPS AND

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MILITIAMEN KILLED; AND GOVT HAS FORBIDDEN NEWSPAPERS TO ACCEPT SMALL BLACK-BORDERED DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT ARE VIRTUALLY REQUIRED AMONG DEVOUT RCS FOR ALL

DEATHS.

CONSENSUS OF INFORMED SOURCES IN MANILA IS THAT AT LEAST 1,500 GOVT TROOPS HAVE BEEN KILLED SINCE MOSLEM REVOLT ERUPTED ANEW ON MINDANAO SHORTLY AFTER MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED. IF 1,500 FIGURE ACCEPTED, WOUNDED COULD RUN TO 5,000 AND MORE. FIGURES INCLUDE CASUALTIES ELSEWHERE - NOTABLY ON WESTERN PART OF SAMAR ISLAND WHERE SIZABLE FORCE OF MAOIST NPA INSTALLED; FORCE INCLUDES NUMBER OF STUDENT MILITANTS WHO FLED MANILA'S UNIVERSITIES TO ESCAPE ARREST AFTER MARTIAL LAW DECLARED.

FOR RELATIVELY SMALL AFP, THESE FIGURES ARE SERIOUS AND ACCOUNT FOR GROWING FEELING WITHIN MIL THAT IT BE ALLOWED TO "GET ON WITH THE JOB." BUT MARCOS IS RESTRAINING TROOPS IN HOPE OF NEGOTIATING POLITICAL SOLUTIONS. SOME OF HIS ADVISERS - NOTABLY DEFMIN ENRILE - REPORTEDLY FEEL THAT STERN MIL ACTION COULD BREAK BACK OF MOSLEM REVOLT RELATIVELY QUICKLY.

MEANWHILE, MODEST ARMS RACE IS TAKING PLACE IN MINDANAO. GOP IS REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATING FOR SURPLUS US WWII RIFLES THROUGH DEALERS IN SINGAPORE TO SUPPLY MILITIA SELF-DEFENSE FORCES ON MINDANAO. REBEL ARMS ARE ALSO REPORTEDLY COMING THROUGH SINGAPORE DEALERS - MONEY BEING FURNISHED, ACCORDING PHIL INTELLIGENCE,

BY KHADAFY. MORE ARMS COMING FROM SABAH.

MOSLEM GUERRILLAS ON MINDANAO HAVE NO RECOGNIZED CENTRAL LEADER OR HQS WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR MIL COMMANDERS ON SPOT TO NEGOTIATE DE FACTO POLITICAL SETTLEMENTS - AS MARCOS HAS AUTHORIZED THEM TO DO. ONE PRESIDENTIAL AIDE SAID: "WE CAN BE TALKING TO ONE FELLOW WHILE ANOTHER IS AMBUSHING US A FEW MILES AWAY."

NOTES THAT AFP REGULARS NOW NUMBER ABOUT 70,000 - UNCLASSIFIED

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UP FROM 40,000 WHEN MARTIAL LAW DECLARED - AND PLANNED TO REACH 100,000 BY 1975. ANOTHER 150,000 WILL BE IN LOCAL MILITIA SELF-DEFENSE UNITS. FEW COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUILDUP SO FAR- MAINLY BECAUSE COMPLAINTS ARE UNLIKELY TO SURFACE IN ATMOSPHERE OF CENSORSHIP AND MARTIAL LAW. CONCLUDES THAT WITH ORDINARY FILS ALREADY HARD-PRESSED BY ECON REALITIES OF SKYROCKETING INFLATION AND OTHER ILLS, MARCOS MAY YET FIND HIS "NEW SOCIETY" SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED BY REVOLT WHICH IS SO LITTLE PUBLICIZED.

INDONESIA

30. NYT'S LELYVELD WRITES LENGTHY FEATURE ON OVERPOPULATION IN INDONESIA FROM PERSPECTIVE OF CENTRAL JAVA
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